

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Notice of Allowability mailed January 16, 2004. Applicants are amending the claims in relation to the Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowability. These amendments are made to correct some discrepancies in the claims. Particularly, a proviso was omitted from claim 1, and there appears to be some typographical errors in claims 5, 6 and 11. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to claims 5, 6 and 11 do not narrow the scope of these claims. Also, applicants added language to claim 12 during the January 12, 2004, teleconference, which was omitted in the Examiner's Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

The Examiner's Amendment was primarily made to conform the claims to the amendments made to delete withdrawn subject matter and the amendment filed December 4, 2003.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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